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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Nereyda (Rey) Harmon, Planning and Development Department (P&D)

The project or activity identified below is determined to be exempt from further environmental review requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) of 1970, as defined in the State and County Guidelines for the implementation of CEQA.

APN: Countywide **Case No.:** 22ORD-00000-00002

Location: Countywide

Project Title: Proposed Amendment, Case No. 22ORD-00000-00002, to Planning and Development Fee Ordinance for Commercial Telecommunication Facilities Tier 2A (Small Cell Wireless Facilities)

Project Description: P&D proposes to revise Ordinance 4991 to reduce the current fixed fee of \$3,000 for Tier 2A Small Cell Wireless Facility projects to \$1,750.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Santa Barbara

Name of Person or Entity Carrying Out Project: County of Santa Barbara

Exempt Status:

- Ministerial
- Statutory Exemption 15273(a)(1)
- Categorical Exemption
- Not a Project 15378(b)(5)
- Declared Emergency

Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guidelines Section:

Except from CEQA Guidelines Section 15273(a): CEQA does not apply to the establishment, modification, structuring, restructuring, or approval of rates, tolls, fares, or other charges by public agencies which the public agency finds are for the purpose of:

- (1) Meeting operating expenses, including employee wage rates and fringe benefits,...

Excerpt from CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b): This action does not constitute a project:...

(5) Organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

Reasons to support exemption findings: The proposal is for a revision for fees for Small Cell Wireless Facilities projects.

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